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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Integrated Circuit Chip**
Inventors: CATALASAN *et al.*
Our Ref: 1875.4360005

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3. List of cited references on Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet);
4. Copies of references AJ1, AK1 and AN1 listed on Form PTO-1449 (3 documents); and
5. One (1) return postcard.

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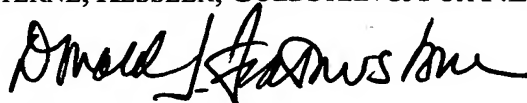
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	AL1						Yes No
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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